GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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QUALITY OF EDUCATION IMPARTED BY IGNOU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for improving the quality of education imparted by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU);

(b) the details of budgetary allocation for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year,

(c) whether IGNOU had resorted to mid session change in syllabus of various courses including Master of Computer Applications (MCA), thereby putting the academic and career prospects of students of such courses in peril;

(d) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the details of students affected, number of complaints received and remedial measures taken to help the affected students of each course including MCA;

(e) whether IGNOU is considering to revive the old syllabus to help the affected students;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU),being an autonomous body established by an Act of Parliament for promotion of open university and distance education systems in the educational pattern of the country and for determination of standards in such systems,is not only responsible for the quality of education imparted by it but also for the quality of education offered by other institutions of distance learning.The Government provide budgetary support to the university to meet its objectives.The budgetary allocations during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	BE(Rupees)	RE(Rupees)
2005-06	60.00	60 00
2006-07	100.00	95.05
2007-08	108.00	108.00
2008-09	120.00	92.44

IGNOU has informed that it takes special initiatives for training the course writers for development of materials in self instruction mode and for training of the academic counselors for providing better support services to the students.

(c) and (d) IGNOU has informed that there have never been mid-session changes in the syllabus of any course of MCA Programme. However, it had revised the syllabus of its MCA programme on offer with effect from January 2005 and the students enrolled in pre-revised MCA Programame were allowed to complete their programme with pre-revised syllabus by December 2010.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.